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In re Application of :  
Strong & Davis : DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF  
Application No. 09/802,046 : INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER  
Filed: 8 March, 2001 : 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT  
Attorney Docket No. ARC.009A :

Papers filed on 12 February, 2002 (certificate of mailing date 15 January, 2002); in response to the decision mailed on 15 November, 2001, included a Declaration signed by the previously non-signing joint inventor, Paul Strong, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703)308-6918.

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